Copyists in the Magistrates' Courts.

336. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many qualified copyists there are in the Magistrates' Courts in the State;

(*b*) how many clerks were confirmed in the Revenue Department in the State in the years 1110, 1111 and 1112 M. E., (till 15-3-1112);

(*c*) how many qualified copyists who had acting clerks' service were included in the list of those clerks who have been confirmed in the years 1110, 1111 and 1112 (till 15-3-1112);

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the negative, the reason or reasons for not confirming the copyists who have acted as clerks;

(*e*) how many acting clerks in the lowest grade there were on 1-2-1112;

(*f*) how many of those acting places were given to the duly qualified permanent copyists;

(*g*) if the answer to part (*f*) is in the negative, the reason or reasons for not giving the permanent copyists promotion as acting clerks; and

(*h*) whether the claims of permanent qualified copyists who have acted as clerks have been considered in filling up the vacancies of clerks?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(*a*) 54.

(*b*) 31 in the grade of Rs. 20-25.

(*c*) 5.

(*d*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*c*).

(*e*) 73.

(*f*) 8.

(*g*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*f*).

(*h*) Yes.

Kudivila of teak trees.

337. *MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are still arrears of *kudivila* of teak trees to be paid from 1088 onwards?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes But the arrears are being considerably reduced year after year, and there were only 719 claims actually pending settlement towards the close of 1111 M. E. Most of these claims relate to the fellings made after 1100 and are pending under various stages of investigation and settlement, and for the production of records, etc. by the parties. In the majority of cases the pendency is due to the parties.

Pattanacad Cross Canal.

338. *MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have accorded administrative sanction to cut open the Pattanacad Cross Canal;

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